

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Bureau of Professional Licensing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

November 22, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Location: Ottawa Building, UL Conference Room C-4
611 W. Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan

The hearing is held to receive public comments on the following administrative rules:

Public Health Code – General Rules (MOAHR #2021-74 LR)

Authority: MCL 333.16145, 333.16194, 333.16201, and 333.16221, and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1991-9, 1996-2, 2003-1, and 2011-4, MCL 338.3501, 445.2001, 445.2011, and 445.2030

Overview: Amendments will be made to the biennial and triennial license and registration renewal rules, and the date of renewal for occupational therapy, physical therapy, respiratory therapy, counseling, and social work will be changed to the date of the year when the licensee's initial license or the registrant's initial registration was issued. Amendments will be made to the rule providing the minimum English language standard to clarify that the International English Language Testing System Academic test and the Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet-Based Test must be taken within 2 years of the date of application for licensure or registration because test scores cannot be verified after 2 years. The rule pertaining to the Stark Law will be updated, and the rule pertaining to implicit bias training will be revised to clarify that it applies to all applicants, including those for relicensure or reregistration.

The rules will take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State, unless specified otherwise in the rules. Comments on the proposed rules may be presented in person at the public hearing. Written comments will also be accepted from date of publication until **5:00 p.m. on November 22, 2021**, at the following address or e-mail address:

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Bureau of Professional Licensing– Boards and Committees Section
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Attention: Policy Analyst Email: BPL-BoardSupport@michigan.gov

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by contacting Board Support at (517) 241-7500 or the email address noted above. Electronic copies also may be obtained at the following link:

Public Health Code – General Rules

<https://ars.apps.lara.state.mi.us/Transaction/RFRTransaction?TransactionID=1332>

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